

The scope of the present invention is defined by the claims that follow.

I claim:

1. A method of controlling an electronic mail message addressed and sent to a child, the method comprising:

under control of a computing device,

intercepting an electronic mail message sent to the electronic mail account of a child;

redirecting said electronic mail message to the electronic mail account of said child's parent; and

under control of said parent's computing device,

sending said electronic mail message from the electronic mail

account of said parent to the electronic mail account of said child

whereby said child is prevented from receiving electronic mail messages deemed inappropriate by said parent.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said electronic mail account is any computing device capable of sending and receiving electronic mail messages.

3. The method of claim 2 wherein said parent is any individual or group of individuals.

4. The method of claim **1** wherein said parent is any individual or group of individuals.

5. The method of claim **4** wherein the electronic mail account is any computing device capable of storing and retrieving electronic mail messages.

6. The method of claim **1** wherein said child is any individual or group of individuals.

7. The method of claim **6** wherein said parent is any individual or group of individuals.

8. The method of claim **7** wherein the electronic mail account is any computing device capable of storing and retrieving electronic mail messages.

9. The method of claim **1** wherein the electronic mail account is any computing device capable of storing and retrieving electronic mail messages.

10. The method of claim **1** wherein said child is an authority.

11. A method of controlling an electronic mail message sent from a child, the method comprising:

under control of a computing device,

intercepting an electronic mail message sent from the electronic mail account of a child;
redirecting said electronic mail message to the electronic mail account of said child's parent; and
under control of the parent's computing device,
sending said electronic mail message from the electronic mail account of said parent to the electronic mail message's addressees
whereby said child is prevented from sending electronic mail messages deemed inappropriate by said parent.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein said electronic mail account is any computing device capable of sending and receiving electronic mail messages.

13. The method of claim 12 wherein said parent is any individual or group of individuals.

14. The method of claim 11 wherein said parent is any individual or group of individuals.

15. The method of claim 14 wherein said electronic mail account is any computing device capable of storing and retrieving electronic mail messages.

16. The method of claim **11** wherein said child is any individual or group of individuals.

17. The method of claim **16** wherein said parent is any individual or group of individuals.

18. The method of claim **17** wherein the electronic mail account is any computing device capable of storing and retrieving electronic mail messages.

19. The method of claim **11** wherein the electronic mail account is any computing device capable of storing and retrieving electronic mail messages.

20. The method of claim **11** wherein said child is an authority.